

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 2 beginning on page 6, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Figures 3a-3l~~ Figures 3a-3i and 3k-3l show a schematic representation of the top bearing part of the crankcase as according to Figures 1 and 2 with the auxiliary support at different machining stages and in different machining stations of the inventive production device, and

Please replace paragraph 6 beginning on page 8, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

During the described stages (~~Figures 3f to 3k~~) (Figures 3f-3i and 3k), the top bearing part 6 is retained with precision at the base bearing part 5 at all times and thus not only the mix-ups described above are excluded but also it is ensured that the top bearing part 6 is securely retained at the base bearing part 5 in a position corresponding exactly to the position prior to the fracture separation process, i.e. such that the elevations and depressions of the fracture surface of one part correspond exactly to the depressions and elevations of the fracture surface of the other part. According to the invention, this situation is moreover ensured throughout the entire course of the production given tha the top bearing part is retained at the base bearing part in precise allocation and position either by the auxiliary support 13 or (as shown in Figure 3e) by the fixing and holding pins 17.